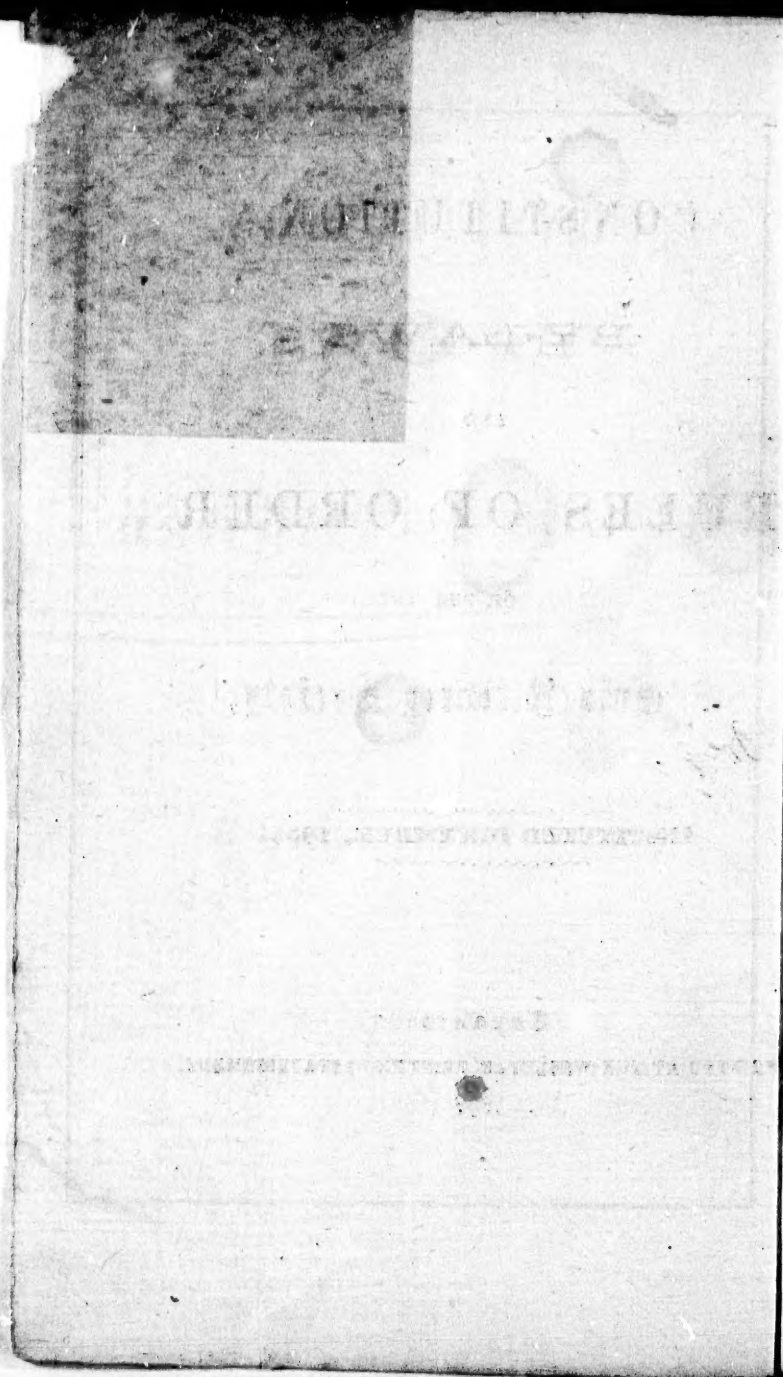


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Ontario Literary Society.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND RULES OF ORDER, OF THE ONTARIO LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Committee appointed at a meeting held on the 16th April ult., for the purpose of Revising the Constitution, By-laws, and Rules of Order of the Society, after giving the same their attentive consideration at the several Committee meetings, respectfully beg leave to submit the following Constitution, together with the By-laws and Rules of Order herewith annexed, for the approval of the Society.

DANIEL SPRY,

WM. ANNIS,

JAMES WRIGHT,

Chairman.

WM. MACGILLIVRAY,

H. ALEXANDER,

WM. A. FOSTER,

Sec. to Com.

Toronto, 21st May, 1858.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I.

This Society shall be known as the "ONTARIO LITERARY SOCIETY."

ART. II.

This Society has for its object the cultivation of Literature and Public Speaking.

ART. III.

SEC. 1. This Society shall consist of Honorary, Corresponding, and Ordinary Members.

SEC. 2. All Candidates for Membership shall be proposed by a Member in writing, stating name, occupation, and residence; and ballotted for at the next ordinary meeting, a three-fourth vote being requisite to constitute an election.

ART. IV.

SEC. 1. The Officers shall consist of a President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary, who shall be elected by ballot semi-annually, at the last regular meetings in June and December; and in case of a vacancy occurring in

any office, the Society shall proceed to an immediate election to fill the same.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, or in their absence, a Chairman chosen by the meeting.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all moneys due, and pay all bills ordered by the Society, keep an account of all moneys received and expended, and at the expiration of his term of office, to present a Report of the Financial condition of the Society.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Minutes of the Society, notify candidates of their election, register the names of the members, and perform such other duties pertaining to his office, as the Society may require of him, and at the expiration of his term, to present a Report of the general condition of the Society.

SEC. 5. Any Officer absenting himself for three consecutive meetings, without a sufficient reason, shall vacate his office.

ART. V.

That no additions, alterations, or amendments, shall be made to this Constitution, except at the semi-annual meetings of the Society, of which three weeks notice shall have been previously given, and subject to a majority of votes of the members then present.

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MEETINGS.

ART. I.
SEC. 1. This Society shall meet on every Tuesday evening, at the hour of eight o'clock, unless otherwise ordered.

SEC. 2. Public Meetings of this Society shall be held on the first night of meeting in each month, and on such other occasions as shall be determined on by a majority of votes of the members present at any ordinary meeting.

SEC. 3. The Society shall meet annually on the 4th of December, if practicable, in each year to celebrate the Anniversary of its formation.

DEBATES.

ART. II.

SEC. 1. All Questions for Debate shall be delivered to the Secretary in writing, for the approval of the Committee of Management.

SEC. 2. Theological questions of a strictly sectarian character shall not be received.

SEC. 3. Time allowed each Speaker on a Debate, or in reading an Essay, shall be fifteen minutes, the Openers on Debates to have an additional five minutes to reply.

SEC. 4. The question debated at each ordinary meeting shall, after a summing up by the Chairman, be decided by a majority of the members present, and at public meetings by a majority of both members and visitors present.

SEC. 5. The Speakers for each Public Debate shall be selected by ballot at the ordinary meeting next preceeding such Public Debate.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

ART. III.

SEC. 1. The Committee of Management shall consist of the Officers of the Society, whose duty it shall be to manage the business of the Society, approve subjects for Debate, appoint Speakers, except for Public Debates, and shall at every ordinary meeting submit a debatable question, with speakers duly appointed; and it shall be the duty of the Committee to appoint an Essayist for at least every alternate ordinary meeting if practicable.

OFFENCES.

ART. IV.

SEC. 1. Any member who shall, at the meetings, make use of improper language, or refuse to obey the President when called to order, shall be fined, suspended, or expelled, at the pleasure of the Society.

SEC. 2. No motion for the suspension or expulsion of a member can be acted on without one week's previous notice having been given, and shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

FEES.

ART. V.

SEC. 1. The Entrance Fee shall be Fifty cents, and a further Quarterly Subscription of Thirty-seven and a-half cents, payable in advance.

SEC. 2. Any member being in arrears three months after being notified by the Treasurer, and neglecting to pay the same, shall cease to be a member.

No addition, alteration, or amendment, can be made to these By-laws, nor can any part thereof be repealed, without two weeks' notice and a majority of votes of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE I.

No motion shall be stated, unless moved and seconded, nor be open for consideration until put from the Chair.

No motion shall be put from the Chair unless submitted in writing, except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, or the previous question.

RULE II.

When a member intends to speak, he shall rise in his place uncovered, and respectfully address his remarks to the President, confine himself to the question, and avoid personalities. Should more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the President shall determine who is entitled to the floor.

RULE III.

Members shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener without the consent of the Society, and no member shall speak more than once, until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken.

RULE IV.

All questions, unless otherwise fixed by law, shall be determined by a majority of votes.

RULE V.

The President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society.

RULE VI.

That when the President is called upon to explain a point of order, he is to state the rule applicable to the case without argument or comment.

RULE VII.

No amendment to a motion can be received after an amendment to an amendment, unless for the previous question or for adjournment.

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No alteration can be made to these rules, without two weeks' notice and a majority agreeing thereto, nor any rule be suspended but by a like vote, and for the evening only.

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Ontario Literary Society.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

OFFICERS.

President—~~D. S. Eastwood, Merchant.~~

1st Vice President—~~W. I. McGilveray.~~

2nd Vice President—~~G. W. Allen.~~

Treasurer—Daniel Spry.

Secretary—M. Willoughby, Jr.

Thos. Moss, M.A.
James Morris
Nathan Rock

HONORARY.

R. A. Harrison, B.C.L.

James Beatty, Esq., Barrister.

E. Wiman, Esq., Press.

James E. Smith Esq.
W. H. Withrow Esq.

CORRESPONDING.

G. F. Belling, D.D.S., London, England.

M. Sweetnam, P. O. Insp., Kingston.

James J. Hunter, M.D., Newmarket.

D. McKinnon, Student at Law, Hamilton.

W. A. Castleman, M.D., Aultsville.

T. C. Walton, Lanark.

Henry Alexander, Quebec

ORDINARY.

Alexander, Henry	Morgan, C. J.
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Anderson, W.	Murdoch, E.
Beresford, W. H.	Miller, W. H.
Bunting, C. W.	Moss, Thomas, B.A.
Badanack, Wm.,	Munro, Alexander M.
Campbell, John	McKinnon, D. C.
Coulson, Duncan	McGillivray, W. L.
Coldwell, M.	Mackenzie, C.
Cullen, Wm.	Pollock, Charles
Dorran, W. M.	Rattray, W. J., B.A.
Downey, J.	Rattray, F. A.
Eastwood, D. S.	Rowell, H.
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Fuller, Thomas	Smart, W. H. G.
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Graham, Alexander	Spry, Daniel
Griffith, W. E.	Sullivan, R.
Grey, Robert	Stewart, J. C.
Hamilton, J. C., B.A.	Smith, James E.
Hay, Henry E.	Sullivan, W. B.,
Hays, Howard	Turner, J.
Higgins, Moore, A.	Weir, W.
Hunter, Robert	Wiman, E.
Hayden, L.	Walker, John
Jagger, W. H.	Willoughby, M.
King, E. F.	Wright James.

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